

Motions

TO: Tribal Council, Tribal Professional Staff, Tribal Directors and Tribal Managers

FROM: Jerilyn Johnson, Council Secretary

DATE: Wednesday, September 5, 2012

On Tuesday, September 4, 2012, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following motions were made, carried, defeated or died:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Add: Tribal Member Request to Executive Session

Move: Tribal Burial Policies up after the Meeting Minutes

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda of Tuesday, September 12, 2012, as presented.

Seconded by Wallace A. Miller. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Scott R. Vele to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Friday, July 20, 2012, Special Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Friday, July 20, 2012 at 12:00 PM and the Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, August 21, 2012.

Seconded by Joe Miller. *(Adding Scott's Travel Status to the August 21, 2012)*

Motion carried.

TRIBAL BURIAL GROUNDS POLICY-Linda Katchenago, Tribal Administrator

Motion by Scott R. Vele to deny the Tribal Burial Grounds policy as presented.

Seconded by Wallace A. Miller.

Roll Call: Scott yes, JoAnn no, Shan no, Wally yes, Doug no and Joe no.

Motion carried.

Motion by JoAnn Schedler to approve the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Land & Enrollment Tribal Burial Ground Policy, with a change on page 2, the second bullet, to not to limit the number of crematories that are there.

Seconded by Shannon Holsey.

Motion maker amends motion deleting: the second and third bullet.

Second concurs.

Roll Call: Scott no, Joann yes, Shan yes, Wally no, Doug yes and Joe yes.

Motion carried.

Motions of
Tuesday, September 4, 2012

STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY Land & Enrollment

Subject:

Issued to: All Manual Holders

Procedure No. 1

Number of Pages: 3

TRIBAL BURIAL GROUNDS

General

Date of Revision: New

Supersedes: N/A

Purpose It is the desire of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community to preserve, improve and unify the beauty of Tribal Burial Grounds through the support of all who have loved ones resting there. Anything that would mar the general beauty and harmony of the burial grounds must be avoided. Peace and good order must prevail and the sacredness of the graves be maintained at all times

Stockbridge-Munsee Community has created and established burial grounds known as:

- Stockbridge-Munsee Burial Grounds, located on MohHeConNuck Road, S-M Reservation
- Stockbridge Indian Cemetery (located on Hwy 55 in Calumet County, near the village of Stockbridge, WI)
- Red Springs Cemetery, located on Townline Rd., town of Red Springs
- Mission Lake Cemetery Located on Hwy G, town of Red Springs near Gresham, WI

STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE BURIAL GROUNDS POLICY

- The Stockbridge-Munsee Burial Ground is open to enrolled tribal members, children of enrolled tribal members, and spouses of enrolled tribal members.
- There are no fees
- The use of a vault for burials is optional

STOCKBRIDGE INDIAN CEMETERY POLICY

- This cemetery is closed to further burials

RED SPRINGS CEMETERY POLICY

- The Red Springs Burial Ground is open to the public
- Wisconsin State burial laws apply
- Planting of any kind on all lots/graves is prohibited. Be aware that due to maintenance other plantings may be disturbed. Potted and hanging plants are preferred.
- No foot stones shall be permitted except as a marker flush to the ground.

- *Fees*

Enrolled Members, Spouses of Enrolled Member	Free of charge
Descendants of Enrolled Members	\$ 50.00
Others	\$300.00

MISSION LAKE CEMETERY POLICY

- This cemetery is closed to further burials

GENERAL POLICIES THAT APPLY TO ALL BURIAL GROUNDS

- Since the Burial Grounds are Tribal owned and supported no particular religious group or sect is to be identified in the overall character of the grounds.
- All assignees of interment rights, visitors, and contractors performing work within the burial grounds shall be subject to these policies and procedures.

BURIAL PLOT ASSIGNMENT PROCESS

Persons desiring to obtain an assigned burial plot are referred to the Land & Enrollment Manager, who will assist the person by showing the plans and available lots of the cemeteries. Upon having made a lot selection and full payment of fees made the manager will issue a documentation record of the burial plot and maintain records in the Land and Enrollment Office

Current and future burial plots assignees shall be provided with a copy of the Tribal Burial Grounds Policies and Procedures. Upon amendment, an updated copy of this document shall be made available to those assignees.

No burial plot can be sold, assigned, transferred, or pledged without written approval of the Office of Land & Enrollment. The reassignment of any burial plot must be requested in writing to the Land & Enrollment Office. The Land & Enrollment Manager has authorization to issue or reassign burial plots upon such request. The Land & Enrollment Manager will provide written documentation of all resulting action and maintain a copy within the Burial Ground files.

INTERMENT PROCESS

If a burial plot was not previously assigned, the location for a burial plot may be chosen by the family or its representative, with verification to be made by the Land & Enrollment Office. The Land & Enrollment Office will notify the Roads Department of the funeral date, time and family member contact.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS

The Land and Enrollment Office will:

- Review the Tribal Burial Grounds Policy at least once every five years with the Land & Enrollment Committee.
- Maintain a map of the burial grounds, all records of burial plots assignments and available burial plots.
- Assign burial plots and generate necessary notifications to the appropriate departments' heads.
- Verify with family members the burial plot assignment prior to interment.

The Finance Department will:

- Receipt in all burial ground fees.
- Receipt into the General Revenue Fund of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

The Road's Department will:

- Prepare the burial site prior and post internment.
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Road's Department will (continued):

- Receive verification from the Land & Enrollment Office of the burial plot assignment, prior to preparing the grave.

The P&E Department will:

- Be responsible for the ongoing maintenance, preservation and enhancement of the Burial Grounds.
- Perpetual Care of the burial grounds including mowing grass,, notifying the Land & Enrollment office of when monuments have been damaged and making small repairs to monuments if able. Only P&E staff may remove any plant or tree from the burial grounds, no trees shall be removed without approval of the Tribal Council.
- If any tree, shrub or plant standing upon any lot, by means of its roots, branches, or otherwise, is or becomes detrimental to adjacent lots or avenues, or if for any other reason its removal is deemed necessary, the P&E Department shall have the right and it shall be their duty to correct the existing condition.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council will:

- Have final approval of this policy.
- Have final authority for renovation and design of the Burial Grounds.
- If any memorial, or any structure whatsoever, or any inscription to be placed on same, shall be determined by the Tribal Council to be offensive, they shall have the right and it shall be their duty, to take action to remove, change or correct the offensive or improper object or objects.